(b) if so, its main conditions; and

(c) if not, the rationale thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) There was an exchange of letters between Ed. CIL and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) in the form of a detailed item-wise cost offered from Ed. CIL and a letter of intent from KVS, on the basis of which the Ed. CIL executed the work. Hence, the need of the instrument of agreement" was not felt since both are autonomous organisations under the Ministry. Besides, KVS had also sought a legal advice, and it had been opined that there was no need for any written agreement between the two.

Womens education in Gujarat

*375. *SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of voluntary organisations for spread of women's education in Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) the amount given and spent for the said purpose;

(c) the rules for conducting review of the said programme; and

(d) the efforts being made by the Centre for implementation of such programmes and the proportionate allocations to States?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Human Resource Development provides financial assistance to voluntary organisation throughout the country including those in the State of Gujarat, under various schemes for different educational activities including *inter-alia* women's education. Details of such grants of Rs. one lakh and above are generally given in the Annual Reports of the Ministry. Schemes generally have inbuilt mechanism for post-sanction monitoring and review. Periodic inspection visits are also conducted by the officers of the Ministry. A task force has also been constituted to monitor the working of NGOs. Most of the Central Schemes/ Programmes in the field of education are well known throughout the country. State Governments give these schemes wide publicity from time to time. The details of these schemes are also available on Department's website. Non-Governmental initiatives are encouraged to participate in different educational schemes. Consideration of proposals received from voluntary organisations, grant of financial assistance and implementation of their programmes are continual processes. The proposals

received from individual organisations are considered as per the existing policies of Government of India and norms laid down for the purpose. Normally, State-wise allocations are not made in definite pre-determined proportion under the schemes for financial assistance to voluntary organisations.

Own Farm Water Management Scheme

†*376. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Own Farm Water Management Scheme;

(b) in which States of the country the above scheme has been introduced;

(c) whether the Bihar Government has submitted any proposal for Own Farm Water Management Scheme; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OFAGRICULTURE (SHRIAJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) In order to improve production & productivity in Eastern part of the country a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme, "Own Farm Water Management" is proposed for implementation during the IX Five Year Paln in the States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Eastern U.P., W.B. (9 districts), Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur and Mizoram. Under the scheme, financial assistance for shallow tube wells, dug wells lift irrigation points, diesel pump sets would be provided through NABARD as credit linked scheme. The proposed pattern of funding provides for 20% beneficiary's contribution, 30% assistance from Government of India and 50% loan from NABARD.

(c) and (d) The Government of Bihar had submitted a proposal on Million Shallow Tube wells Scheme to the Planning Commission who suggested to this Ministry to cover this under the "Own Farm Water Management Scheme." The suggestion of the Planning Commission has been taken into account in the scheme. Besides, Planning Commission have allocated an additional central assistance of Rs. 25.5 crore to the Government of Bihar under the State Plan to implement the Million Shallow Tube Well Project.

Discontinuation of season tickets

*377. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rakesh Mohan Committee has recommended to discontinue the season ticket facility for rail passengers;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.